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## ANSI

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ANSI does not write standards; rather, the Institute accredits standards developers that will establish consensus among qualified groups. Its guiding principles "consensus, due process and openness" are followed by the 220 distinct entities currently accredited to develop and maintain nearly 10 000 American National Standards (ANS). Though all ANS are developed as voluntary documents, U.S. federal, state, or local bodies are increasingly referring to ANS for regulatory or procurement purposes. Many ANS are also national adoptions of globally relevant international standards.

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standards setting and conformity assessment bodies, trade associations, labor unions, professional societies, consumer groups, academia, and government organizations for the purpose of enhancing global business competitiveness and improving the quality of life for the world's citizens.

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